AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A light-emitting device according to claim 7 ~~claim 2~~, wherein the light-detecting element is arranged at a position substantially equidistant from said three light-emitting chips.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A light-emitting device according to claim 7 ~~claim 2~~, wherein the light-emitting elements of the first, second and third colors are arranged at apexes of an equilateral triangle and the light-detecting element is arranged at the center of gravity of said equilateral triangle.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A light-emitting device according to claim 7 ~~claim 2~~, wherein the three light-emitting chips are arranged on a substrate, and the light-detecting element is so arranged as not to intercept emitted light.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A light-emitting device comprising: ~~according to claim 5,~~

a plurality of light-emitting elements for emitting light of mutually different colors;

at least one light-detecting element for detecting light emitted from each of the light-emitting elements

the light-emitting elements and said light-detecting element being mounted onto a substrate wherein the plurality of light-emitting elements comprise three light-emitting chips for emitting light of a first, second and third color, respectively;

a light emission control portion for applying a predetermined current to the light-emitting elements and allowing the three light-emitting chips to serially emit light with a predetermined time interval among them; and

a light intensity adjustment portion for serially receiving detection signals outputted from light-detecting element in such a fashion as to correspond to intensity of light, analyzing said detection signals and adjusting the current applied to each of the three light-emitting chips so that a predetermined color can be generated

wherein the light emission control portion allows the light-detecting element to detect external light incident into the light-detecting element in a time zone in which none of the light-emitting elements emit light, and the light intensity adjustment portion adjusts the current applied to each of the light-emitting elements by use of the detection signal based on external light.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A liquid crystal display device using the light-emitting device according to any of ~~claims 1 to 7~~ claim 7 as backlight.